HOUSE BILL 413

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5 and Section 8-8-101, relative to county officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

5-1-1___.

- (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "County official" means the trustee, register, county clerk and assessor of property; and
 - (2) "Public office" has the same meaning as defined in § 2-10-102.
- (b) No county official, during the term of office to which such county official was elected or appointed, shall hold any other local or state public office for profit.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-101, is amended by deleting the following language:

No person shall engage in the practice of law or serve as a member of the general assembly while serving as sheriff.

and by substituting instead the following language:

No person, while serving as sheriff, shall engage in the practice of law or hold any other local or state public office for profit as the term "public office" is defined in § 2-10-102.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any county official to whom this act applies beginning with the appointment or election of such official that occurs on or after the date this act takes effect.

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